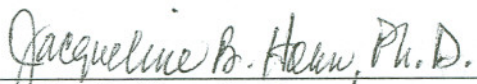


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3 **DECISION AND ORDER**
4 **OF THE**
5 **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

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7 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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9 The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order in case number W261, is
10 hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer
11 Affairs. An effective date of July 30th, 2005 has been assigned to this
12 Decision and Order.

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14 Made this 30th day of June, 2005.

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17 Jacqueline B. Horn, Ph.D.
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19 President, Board of Psychology
20 Department of Consumer Affairs
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8 **BEFORE THE**
CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:)	Case No. W261
)	
12 SUSAN SPERAW, Ph.D.)	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT
13 11032 Crosswind Drive)	AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER
Knoxville, TN 37922)	
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14 Psychologist's License)	
15 No. PSY 13811)	
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16 Respondent.)	
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18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
19 above-entitled proceeding that the following matters are true:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Complainant, Thomas O'Connor, is the Executive Officer of the California
22 Board of Psychology (hereinafter the "Board") and brings this accusation solely in his official
23 capacity.

24 2. Respondent Susan Speraw, Ph.D. (hereinafter respondent) is representing
25 herself in this matter.

26 3. On or about March 3, 1994, Psychologist's License No. PSY 13811 was
27 issued by the Board to respondent. Said license is valid, but became inactive on May 31, 1995.
28 Said license will expire on May 31, 2007 unless renewed.

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1 constitute a violation of the Board's Order and she shall be subject to the provisions of the
2 Business and Professions Code section 2960 or any related statutes and regulations unless the
3 Board agrees in writing to a payment plan because of financial hardship. The filing of
4 bankruptcy shall not relieve respondent of her responsibility to reimburse the Board for its
5 investigation and prosecution costs.

6 **ACCEPTANCE**

7 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement. I understand the stipulation
8 and the effect it will have on my psychologist's license. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement
9 voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
10 California Board of Psychology.

11 DATED: 5-7-05.

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15 SUSAN SPERAW, PH.D.
16 Respondent

16 **ENDORSEMENT**

17 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
18 submitted for consideration by the California Board of Psychology.

19 DATED: 5-13-05.

20 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General
21 of the State of California

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15 Psychologist's License)
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16 Respondent.)

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18 The Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Complainant, Thomas O'Connor, is the Executive Officer of the California
21 Board of Psychology (hereinafter the "Board") and brings this accusation solely in his official
22 capacity.

23 2. On or about March 3, 1994, Psychologist's License No. PSY 13811 was
24 issued by the Board to Susan Speraw, Ph.D. (hereinafter "respondent"). Said license is valid, but
25 became inactive on May 31, 1995. Said license will expire on May 31, 2005 unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2960 and 2960(m) the
28 Board may suspend or revoke a psychologist's license or impose probationary conditions upon a

1 licensee if the licensee has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct
2 includes:

3 "(m) The suspension, revocation or imposition of probationary conditions
4 by another state or country of a license or certificate to practice psychology or as a
5 psychological assistant issued by that state or county to a person also holding a license or
6 registration issued under this chapter if the act for which the disciplinary action was taken
7 constitutes a violation of this section."

8 4. Section 2960.6(a) of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter
9 "Code") provides in relevant part that the Board may suspend or revoke a license or
10 registration issued under this chapter for the following: the revocation, suspension or
11 other disciplinary action imposed by another state or country on a license, certificate, or
12 registration issued by that state or country to practice psychology shall constitute grounds
13 for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against that licensee or registrant in this
14 state. A certified copy of the decision or judgment of the other state or country shall be
15 conclusive evidence of that action.

16 5. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in part, that the expiration of a
17 license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the
18 time within which the license may be renewed, restored, or reinstated.

19 6. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in part, that, in any proceeding before
20 the Board, the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct the respondent if the
21 judge finds that the respondent has violated the laws and regulations relating to the practice of
22 psychology to pay the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of the case.

23 7. Section 2964.6 of the Code provides that if probation is imposed in a case
24 before the Board of Psychology, the decision may also require that the licensee pay the costs
25 associated with monitoring the probation.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
(Discipline Imposed by Another State)

8. On or about May 17, 2001, the State of Tennessee, Department of Health, Office of General Counsel, Board of Examiners in Psychology issued a Letter of Reprimand to respondent. Respondent was reprimanded for conduct not consistent with the high standards of professional practice. Respondent made a recommendation regarding visitation of a minor child with her mother based on information received from the father who was the custodial parent and through interviews with the child. Respondent failed to interview the mother. It was determined that respondent who was the child's therapist acted inappropriately as an evaluator relative to the child's visitation situation and that respondent failed to report the suspected abuse to proper authorities.

9. On or about December 22, 2001, the State of Oregon Board of Psychological Examiners issued a Consent Order reprimanding respondent and assessing a civil penalty of \$1,000. Respondent further agreed not to renew her license issued by the Oregon Board and that if she applies to the Oregon Board for licensure, she will be required to pass a "Standard" Oral Examination. It was found that due to the Letter of Reprimand issued by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology respondent was not eligible for the "Special" Oral Examination which was administered to her on June 29, 2001.

10. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraphs 8 and 9 above and the discipline imposed by the States of Tennessee and Oregon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Code sections 2960, 2960(m), and 2960.6.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged and that, following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Psychologist's License number PSY 13811 heretofore issued to respondent Susan Speraw, Ph.D.;

2. Ordering respondent to pay the Board the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case and the costs of probation monitoring if probation

1 is imposed; and

2 3. Taking such other and further action as the Division may deem necessary
3 or proper.

4 DATED: July 17, 2003.

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7 Thomas O'Connor
8 Executive Officer
9 Board of Psychology
10 Department of Consumer Affairs
11 State of California

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